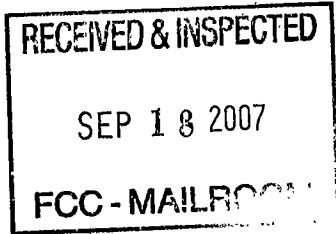




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September 12, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Attention: Common Carrier Bureau

RE: Universal Service Fund (USF)- State Commission Certification for USF

In accordance with the Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order of Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order CC Docket No. 00-256 adopted May 10, 2001; and in further recognition that cooperatives in the Commonwealth of Virginia are not subject to regulation by the Virginia State Corporation Commission, Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative, Bracey, Virginia, hereby provides the enclosed self-certification affidavit.

COMPANY

CODE

0219

NAME


Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative

SERVICE AREA

Mecklenburg County, VA  
Brunswick County, VA

If additional information is required, please contact Mrs. Michele Taylor, or me.

Sincerely,

  
Mickey L. Sims  
General Manager

MLS/mdt

CC: USAC – Karen Majcher

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AFFIDAVIT OF MICKEY L. SIMS IN SUPPORT OF  
BUGGS ISLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE'S USE OF  
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

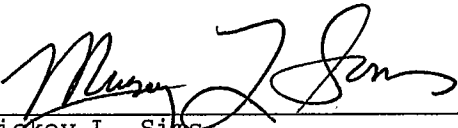
I, Mickey L. Sims, declare as follows:

1. I am employed by Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative as its General Manager. I am an officer of Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative and am authorized to give this affidavit on its behalf. This affidavit is being given to support the certification of the use of federal universal service funds for 2008, as required by 47 C.F.R.{\$54.313 / \$54.314}.

2. Under 47 C.F.R. {\$54.313 / \$54.314}, the Cooperative is required to submit an annual certification to the Federal Communication Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), certifying that rural incumbent local exchange carriers and/or eligible telecommunication carriers serving lines in the service area of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier within the Commonwealth of Virginia will use federal high-cost universal service support in a manner consistent with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. §254(e). Absent such certification, such carriers will not receive universal service support. In order for carriers to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the Commission's certification must be filed with the FCC and the USAC by October 1 of the preceding year.

3. Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative hereby certifies that the federal high-cost universal service support that Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative will receive in 2008 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R.{\$54.101(a)}, and that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Act.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mickey L. Sims  
Title: General Manager  
BUGGS ISLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_